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BEGINNING OF THE U. D. C.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy was organized in 1894, with Mrs. C. M. Goodlet, of Nashville, Tennessee, the first President General.

The Cape Chapter of Wilmington, organized by Mrs. W. M. Parsley, was the third Chapter joining the General organization, applying for Charter December 27, 1894.

North Carolina Division U. D. C. was organized April 28, 1897, by Mrs. William M. Parsley, of Wilmington.

First Convention held in Wilmington, October 3rd, 1897, with Mrs. Parsley as the first President of the North Carolina Division, six Chapters being represented.

Motto of Historical Department U. D. C.:

"Loyalty to the truth of Confederate history."

Keyword: "Preparedness."

Flower: The Rose.

Motto of N. C. Division: "Lest we forget."

Flower: Eglantine.

FACTS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA

1861—1865

"They gave us great glory,
What more could they give?
They left us a story,
A story to live."

State Slogan: "First at Bethel, Farthest at Gettysburg and Chicamauga, Last at Appomattox."

North Carolina sent 125,000 soldiers in the War Between the States, from a population of 115,000 voters, furnishing one-fifth of the 600,000 men in the Confederate Army—her loss being one-third.

Total number of lives lost in Confederate Army was 74,524, of which 19,643 were from North Carolina.

North Carolina furnished 84 regiments, 20 battalions, some extra companies and a number of men who served in commands in other States.

The 70th, 71st and 72nd regiments and 3 battalions were Junior Reserves—17 years of age.

The 73rd, 74th, 76th, 77th and 78th were Senior Reserves, between ages of 45 and 50.

Of Gen. Lee's 124 regiments, 24 were from N. C.

North Carolina suffered the first loss in the Confederacy, at Bethel in the death of Henry Wyatt, of Edgecombe County, on June 10th, '61.

The following companies (already organized) composed the "Bethel" Regiment; Edgecombe Guards, Hornet's Nest Rifles, Charlotte Grays, Orange Light Infantry, Buncombe Riflemen, LaFayette Light Infantry, Burke Rifles, Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, Enfield Blues, Southern Stars, Halifax Light Infantry.

These were commanded by Col. D. H. Hill, as the First N. C. Regiment.

In the "Seven Days Battle" around Richmond, every fifth Confederate flag floated over N. C. troops, every 5th man killed was from N. C., every 4th wounded was from N. C.

At Chicamauga, the 60th Regiment of North Carolina advanced farthest into the enemies' lines, of any Confederate troops in that famous charge.

In the three days fight at Gettysburg, of the 1,292 killed (not counting the wounded 12,707) 770 were North Caro-

linians, almost twice as many as any other State.

The 26th N. C. Regiment suffered at Gettysburg the heaviest loss in killed and wounded of any regiment on either side in any battle of the War.

Among the N. C. regiments that suffered heaviest were: The 5th N. C., at Williamsburg, the 4th, at Seven Pines, the 3rd at Sharpsburg, the 26th at Gettysburg, the 27th at Briscoe Station.

The following N. C. Brigades were in the Surrender at Appomattox: Cox's, Grimes', Johnston's, Lewis', MacRae's, Lane's, Scales', Ransom's, Barringer's, Roberts.' The last shot was fired by Cox's brigade.

Grant's army at Appomattox was 220,000 while Lee's was 7,892.

The last battle of the Confederates was the battle of Bentonville, fought in N. C. by the Junior Reserves principally, March 19th, '65.

North Carolina furnished 51,000 stands of arms and all necessary equipment. She spent over \$27,000,000 for the Confederate Government, with undeveloped resources. The women of North Carolina sent \$325,000 in supplies from their own stores, in addition to that contributed through the State Offices.

North Carolina furnished \$6,000,000 worth of one year's supplies to the Confederate Government besides giving many valuable stores without charge. at the same time supporting and clothing her own troops through the entire war. Reports show that during the last month of the war N. C. was feeding one-half of Gen. Lee's army.

N. C. provided Naval Forces for the protection of her sounds. "The Mosquito Fleet" were 8 little one-gun boats which rendered valuable service, these capturing many vessels on the N. C. coast. Later twelve others were bought.

The ram "Albemarle," was built in North Carolina.

The Blockade Running" enterprise was adopted only by North Carolina. The "Advance" in 1863, was purchased as a Runner, there being in all 84 vessels of N. C. engaged between foreign ports and Wilmington. There were 428 trips made by these—one of the most perilous parts of the service. Its value was shown by the thousands of dollars worth supplies from Europe that were brought into port at Wilmington.

The three day bombardment at Fort Fisher in January, '65, which marked the beginning of the end of the Confederacy, established a record for artillery firing that was unbroken in the history of the world until the Russo-Japanese War. Admirals Dewey and Evans, young officers in the attacking fleet, called it the "Gibraltar of America."

The name of Confederate Point was changed to Fort Fisher when the gallant Colonel of the 6th N. C. Regiment, Charles F. Fisher, fell at Manassas.

A North Carolina Naval Officer, Captain James I. Waddell, carried a Confederate ship, the Shennandoah, 52,000 miles from the Arctic ocean to England, and never surrendered his flag to the enemy, but gave his vessel into the keeping of the British Government six months after the surrender at Appomattox. The Shennandoah made more havoc on commerce than any other vessel in the history of the world except the Alabama under Admiral Semmes.

A North Carolina soldier, Orren Randolph Smith, was the designer of the Stars and Bars flag, so decided by the four Confederate organizations.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES 1861—1865

North Carolina secedes, May 20, 1861.

Received as a member of the Southern Confederacy May 27, '62.

Fort Caswell and Macon seized by Confederates.

Taking of the United States Arsenal at Fayetteville, April 22, 1861.

Federal Naval attack on North Carolina, August, '61.

Fall of Hatteras, August 29, 1861.

Federal Expedition under Burnside, January, '62.

Fall of Roanoke Island, February 8, 1862.

Capture of Plymouth, Morehead, Beaufort and Fort Macon, April, 1862, by the Federals.

Battle of South Mills, 1862.

Zebulon B. Vance elected Governor of North Carolina August, '62.

Battle of Kinston, December 14, 1862.

Battle of Whitehall, December 16, 1862.

Battle of Goldsboro, December 17, 1862.

Capture of Washington, March 30, 1863.

Battle of Blount's Mill, 1863.

Burning of the "Underwriter," (Federal gunboat), February 2, 1864.

Launching of the Confederate Ram "Albemarle," April, 1864.

Sinking of the "Albemarle," October 27, 1864.

Hon. George Davis appointed Attorney-General, Confederate Cabinet, January 4, 1864.

Bombardment of Fort Fisher, December 5, 1864. Fort Fisher fell January 15, 1865.

Wilmington captured February 22, 1865.

Burning of Arsenal at Fayetteville by Sherman, March 12, 1865.

Battle of Longstreet (near Fayetteville) March 10, '65.

Battle of Averasboro, March 16, 1865.

Battle of Bentonville, March 19th-22nd, 1865, last important battle in the war, and the greatest engagement ever fought on North Carolina soil. Here our Junior Reserve covered themselves with everlasting glory, when they assisted in confronting the whole of Sherman's army of Veteran soldiers.

Surrender of Johnston to Sherman (near Durham) April 26, 1865.

Last skirmish under the regular command, Waynesville, May 6, 1865. Col. Love defeats Kirk.

LISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERALS IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY 1861

Adjutant-General: James C. Martin

Assistant Adjutant-Generals

A. Gordon

John C. Wider

William B. Gulick
Surgeon-General: Charles E. Johnson
1864

Adjutant-Generals
R. C. Gatlin Daniel G. Fowle
Surgeon-General: Edwin Warren

GENERAL OFFICERS

Lieutenant-Generals
Theophilus H. Holmes Daniel H. Hill

Major-Generals
Robert Ransom, William D. Pender, Stephen D. Ram-
seur, Robert F. Hoke, Bryan Grimes.

Brigadier-Generals
James F. Gordon, Matt W. Ransom, William R. Cox,
George B. Anderson, Lawrence S. Baker, William H. Cheek,
William G. Lewis, Alfred H. Scales, Junius Daniel, Wm.
McRae, Wm. P. Roberts, Alfred Iverson, Wm. W. Kirk-
land, Jas. Johnson Pettigrew, Robert D. Johnson, Thos. L.
Clingman, James H. Lane, Lawrence O'B. Branch, Collett
Leverthroe, Archibald C. Godwin, Beverly Robertson, John
R. Cooke. 22

Wilcox, a Tennessean; Robertson, a South Carolinian;
Cooke, a Virginian, all commanded North Carolinians.

North Carolinians Who Were General Officers in Southern Armies

Major-Generals were: Braxton Bragg, Leonidas Polk,
William Loring.

Brigadier-Generals were: McCulloch, Zollicoffer, and
Raines.

North Carolina Officers of highest rank in Confederate
Navy: Commander John N Maffitt, Capt. J. W. Cooke, Lt.
Commander James Iredell Waddell, Commodore W. T. Muse.

North Carolina Generals killed were: Pender, Ramseur,
Whiting, Branch, Daniel, Gordon, Anderson, Pettigrew,
Godwin.

(Authorities are Clark's N. C. Regimental Histories and
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